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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference FP13348/TPG/MS	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA-416).	
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1.	This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2	This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet. <input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). These annexes consist of a total of sheet(s).
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III	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed.

the description, pages , as originally filed,
 pages , filed with the demand.
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 pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19.
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the drawings, pages , as originally filed,
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the sequence listing part of the description:
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, was on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in written form.
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 The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages
 the claims, Nos.
 the drawings, sheets fig.

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-27	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-27	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-27	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents cited in the ISR have been considered:

1. FEBS Letters, vol 458, pages 278-284, 1999, C. A. Abbott et al.
2. European Journal of Biochemistry, vol 239, pages 248-258, 1996, E. Jacotot et al.

Novelty and Inventive Step

Claims 1-27 are novel and contain an inventive step in light of the above two citations. Neither citation discloses the peptide of SEQ ID NO:1 (DPP8), the 4 amino acid sequences as claimed in claim 1(b) having the substrate specificity of the sequence ID NO:1, or a sequence having at least 60% homology with and the substrate specificity of SEQ ID NO:1.

Citation 1 discusses the significance of a conserved sequence motif in the β-propeller domain of the DPP IV-like gene family. The peptide DPP8 is not disclosed.

Citation 2 discloses a novel form of a cell-surface-expressed protein that has dipeptidyl-peptidase IV activity. The peptides and methods of claims 1-27 are not disclosed.

Industrial Applicability

The claims have industrial applicability due to the potential use of the peptides, proteins, methods, nucleic acids etc to treat diseases and/or to identify inhibitors in order to treat diseases.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. C07K 14/47, C12N 9/64, 15/12, C12Q 1/37, A61K 38/48, A61P 19/02, 31/18, 37/00, 37/06, G01N 33/53.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
Database: STN File Reg. CA and ANGIS. CA subsequences of claim 1, Angis SEQ ID NOS 1 and 2 and homology search.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No
P,X	GenPept, Accession Number BAA 91059, submitted 15 February 2000, T. Kawakami et al, "NEDO human cDNA sequencing project."	1-3, 16-19
A	FEBS Letters, vol 458, pages 278-284, 1999, C.A. Abbott et al, "Two highly conserved glutamic acid residues in the predicted beta propeller domain of dipeptidyl peptidase IV are required for its enzyme activity."	1-27
A	European Journal of Biochemistry, vol 239, pages 248-258, 1996, E. Jacotot et al, "Dipeptidyl-peptidase IV-beta, a novel form of cell-surface-expressed protein with dipeptidyl-peptidase IV activity."	1-27

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C See patent family annex

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"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"X"	document of particular relevance, the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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P.A	Immunological Reviews, vol 174, pages 172-191, 2000, G W McCaughan, "Molecular pathogenesis of liver disease: an approach to hepatic inflammation, cirrhosis and liver transplant tolerance."	1-27

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(54) Title: DIPEPTIDYL PEPTIDASES

(57) Abstract: A novel human dipeptidyl aminopeptidase (DPPI) with structural and functional similarities to DPPIV and fibroblast activation protein (FAP) has been identified and characterized. The novel peptide comprises the sequence ID NO: 1, the amino acid sequences His⁷⁴GlyTrpSerTyrGlyGlyTyrLeu, Leu¹¹⁶AspGluAsnValHisPheAlaHis, Gln⁶⁷ArgHisSerIleArg, Phe²²⁵ValLeuGlnGluGluPhe, or a sequence having at least 60 % homology with, and the substrate specificity of SEQ ID NO:1. A gene encoding the dipeptidyl peptidase and uses of the dipeptidyl peptidase.